

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to claims 6 and 21 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 5 and 6, so that amended claim 1 is the same claim as canceled claim 6 and is in condition for allowance. Similarly, Applicants have amended claim 13 to include the limitations of claims 17 and 21, so that amended claim 13 is the same claim as canceled claim 21 and is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 7-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Iwasa *et al.* (JP 2000-63433 and its Chemical Abstract (132:187644), and its English translation provided by PTO) in view of Iwasa *et al.* (6,074,801). In light of the amendment herein, Applicants respectfully contend that the rejection of claims 1 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is moot.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicant respectfully believes that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

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